CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 8BCB55C087D8F4EA

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Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 September 2020

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 09 September 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It is a computer-generated image of a young girl being engaged in sexual activity by an adult. The image presents children as appropriate subjects for adult sexual use, and can only be intended for the sexual arousal of adults with a prurient interest in young girls. The availability of such material normalises and encourages this sexual interest. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.